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SUBJECT: CSCE: GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS ON HUMAN CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

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1. FIRST ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS ON REMAINING POINTS AT ISSUE
IN HUMAN CONTACTS AND INFORMATION FIZZLED OUT WHEN IT
BECAME CLEAR THAT SOVIETS WERE NOT REPEAT NOT PREPARED TO BE
FLEXIBLE ON ANY REPEAT ANY OF THE POINTS DISCUSSED. SOVIETS
REFUSED TO BUDGE EVEN ON MINOR QUESTIONS OF TRANSLATION AND
ALLIES WERE NOT INTERESTED IN OFFERING COMPROMISES IN THE
ABSENCE OF SIGNIFICANT SOVIET MOVEMENT. IN FACT ONLY PROGRESS
MADE WAS FURTHER WESTERN CONCESSION (WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN
DISCUSSED AS POSSIBLE FALLBACK IN NATO CAUCUS) ON HUMAN CONTACTS
INTRODUCTION, WHICH MAY HAVE COMPLETED WORK ON THAT TEXT.

2. MOST WESTERN REPS CONCLUDED THAT SOVIETS FELT THEY
HAD ACHIEVED THEIR IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE: ENGAGING GLOBAL
DISCUSSIONS ON REMAINING HUMAN CONTACTS AND INFORMATION
ISSUES DURING NATO SUMMIT MEETING. THEY OBVIOUSLY HOPE
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THIS WILL BE SEEN BY WESTERN LEADERS AS A MAJOR INDICATION

OF PROGRESS, AND THAT IT WILL INFLUENCE THEIR THINKING ON TIMEING OF STAGE III. HOWEVER, SOVIET PERFORMANCE AT FIRST NEGOTIATING SESSION DEMONSTRATES HOW FAR WE HAVE TO GO, AND HOW DIFFICULT IT WILL BE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE MANY REMAINING ISSUES UNDER THESE SUBJECT HEADINGS.

3. SOVIETS MAY NOT EVEN HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN DIVIDING THE NATO ALLIES. WHILE THE RECENT SOVIET CONCESSIONS WERE GREETED WITH ENTHUSIASM BY THE NATO CAUCUS, THE SOVIET NEGOTIATING STANCE BROUGHT MOST WESTERN DELEGATIONS BACK TO REALITY. THIS, COUPLED WITH THE USUAL CSCE COMPLICATIONS (E.G. ROMANIANS HAVE NOW ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WILL OPPOSE WESTERN TEXT ON EXPULSION OF JOURNALISTS, EVEN IF SOVIETS CAN AGREE TO IT), SERVED AS A REMINDER THAT BASKET III WILL STILL TAKE MUCH TIME AND EFFORT BEFORE IT CAN BE CONCLUDED.

4. NEXT NEGOTIATING SESSION ON GLOBAL INITIATIVE HAS BEEN SET FOR MONDAY, JUNE 2. DALE

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